

In the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert

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Rewrite lines 1 to 3 of page 1 as follows:

-- The invention relates to a valve timing mechanism for four-cycle engines, ~~in~~
~~particular in accordance with the preamble of patent claim 1~~ having the following components:

- a rocker arm frame (2) which is configured in one piece from lightweight metal and has two bars (34, 35) which are connected by webs (36, 37) for accomodating rocker arms;
- hydraulic elements (6) for valve clearance compensation which have an outer piston (9) which is open on one side and has a supporting ball (5) which is configured in one piece at the closed end of said outer piston (9), and an inner piston (10) which is open on one side, is guided in the outer piston (9) and is connected in flow terms via a spring-loaded ball valve (12) to a high-pressure space (13) of said outer piston (9);
- a steel sheet part which is arranged between the hydraulic elements (6) and the rocker arm frame (2);
- a pressurized oil line which is arranged in the longitudinal extent of the rocker arm frame

- (2) at the level of the open end of the hydraulic elements (6);
- deep-drawn steel sheet rocker arms (1) which are configured uniformly for all the valves, having a U-shaped cross section and having cylindrical rollers (3) mounted on needle bearings for at least one camshaft, and having a cap (4) for the supporting ball (5), and having contact elements for the valve stems of the inlet and outlet valves, --

Rewrite lines 4 and 5 of page 3 as follows:

-- According to the invention, the object is achieved by ~~the features of the independent patent claim 1~~ A a valve timing mechanism, in particular for four cycle engines, having the following components:

- a rocker arm frame (2) which is configured in one piece from lightweight metal and has two bars (34, 35) which are connected by webs (36, 37) for accomodating rocker arms;
- hydraulic elements (6) for valve clearance compensation which have an outer piston (9) which is open on one side and has a supporting ball (5) which is configured in one piece at the closed end of said outer piston (9), and an inner piston (10) which is open on one side, is guided in the outer piston (9) and is connected in flow terms via a spring-loaded ball valve (12) to a high-pressure space (13) of said outer piston (9);
- a steel sheet part which is arranged between the hydraulic elements (6) and the rocker arm frame (2);

- a pressurized oil line which is arranged in the longitudinal extent of the rocker arm frame (2) at the level of the open end of the hydraulic elements (6);
- deep-drawn steel sheet rocker arms (1) which are configured uniformly for all the valves, having a U-shaped cross section and having cylindrical rollers (3) mounted on needle bearings for at least one camshaft, and having a cap (4) for the supporting ball (5), and having contact elements for the valve stems of the inlet and outlet valves,
characterized in that wherein the outer pistons (9) of the hydraulic elements (6) are guided in blind bores (8) of the rocker arm frame (2), and in that a steel disk (11) is arranged at the bottom of the blind bores (8) as a stop for the inner piston (10).--